

INTERNET RESOURCES for College Planning

CAREER PLANNING	
Career Assessment	
http://mapping-your-future.org Click on Features, then Careership	An online career exploration adventure.
http://www.careerinfonet.org Click on Skills Profiler under Career Tools	Find occupations related to skills and interests.
http://online.onetcenter.org	O NET™ Online – An Occupational Information Network - Making occupational information interactive and accessible for all.
Available Careers	
http://www.bls.gov/oco	<i>The Occupational Outlook Handbook</i> is a nationally recognized source of career information, designed to provide valuable assistance to individuals making decisions about students' future work lives. The <i>Handbook</i> is revised every two years.
http://www.jobprofiles.org	Job Profiles.org covers the personal side of work, because a good fit between an individual's interests and chosen field is the number one correlation for success.
State and Local Resources	
http://www.michigan.gov/mdcd Click on Career Planning, then Parents as Partners	A Web site designed for educators who want to help parents help their children.
http://www.michigan.gov/som Click on Careers, Colleges, Jobs & Training	Smart career and business decisions start here! This is a one-stop-shop for searching for jobs, finding information on starting a businesses, connecting to job training resources, and getting information on community college or university classes.

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

www.going2college.org	The College Access Web site provides information about available resources in the United State on career planning, college preparation, and paying for college.
www.macac.org	The Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling (MACAC) provides a calendar of events for college fairs in the state of Michigan.
www.partnershipforlearning.org	Partnership for Learning is a non-profit organization that helps schools and communities work together to boost learning from birth through the transition to college.
www.act.org	ACT is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides more than a hundred assessment, research, information, and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development.
www.actstudent.org	A student site for ACT test takers.
www.princetonreview.com	The Princeton Review helps students explore schools and careers, improving test scores and skills, and find information on scholarships and financial aid.

FINDING A COLLEGE

Shop Around

http://www.michigan.gov/som Click on Careers, Colleges, Jobs & Training, Education & Training, then Michigan Colleges and Universities (Admissions, Academic, Financial Aid, and Apply Online)	Information on Michigan colleges and universities admissions, academics, financial aid, and applying online, and a link to Michigan trade, vocational, and proprietary schools.
http://studentaid2.ed.gov/gotocollege/collegefinder	Federal Student Aid Web site assists students, parents, and counselors in finding the right college.
http://nces.ed.gov/Iped/cool	College Opportunity Online Locator (COOL) provides information to consider when narrowing options: campus crime statistics, accreditation of the school, and participation in the federal student aid programs.

Visit the School	
http://www.ecampustours.com	Offers virtual college tours of different schools.
http://www.campustours.com	Links to profiles of colleges and provides virtual tours.
http://www.theu.com	Offers DVDs with tours of many campuses.
http://www.collegiatechoice.com	Offers videos of student-guided college walking tours.
Check the Cost and Apply for College	
http://www.michigan.gov/studentaid Click on Michigan Postsecondary Handbook under Quick Links	The Michigan Postsecondary Handbook contains current information on admission requirements, campus characteristics, and application procedures on Michigan colleges and universities.
http://www.studentaid.ed.gov Click on the Applying tab	The U.S. Department of Education Web site gives information on applying for admission, navigating the school application process, and applying for federal student aid.
PAYING FOR COLLEGE	
Apply for Student Financial Aid	
www.pin.ed.gov	Students and their parents must obtain a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to submit Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) online.
www.fafsa.ed.gov	To be eligible for federal and state aid, students must apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1.
Types of Financial Aid	
www.michigan.gov/studentaid Click on Prospective Students, then Types of Financial Aid	There are a variety of scholarships, grants, and self help aids available to assist students in paying for college. The Student Financial Services Bureau's Web site has information on both federal and state financial aid programs.
www.mapping-your-future.org	Mapping Your Future is a national collaborative, public-service project that brings together the expertise of the financial aid industry to provide free college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy services for students, families, and schools.

www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org	Making resources available free of charge to thousands of aspiring Hispanic residents.
www.uncf.org	The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) provides support for undergrad and graduate students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree.
www.internationalscholarships.com	The International Scholarship Search is the premier financial aid, college scholarship, and international scholarship resource for students wishing to study abroad.
www.collegeboard.com	The College Board is a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Among its best-known programs are the SAT [®] , the PSAT/NMSQT [®] , and the Advanced Placement Program [®] .
www.thomsonpeterson.com	Prepare for a test, find the right school, explore financial aid, and advance a career.
www.ncaa.org	The online resource to the National College Athletic Association (NCAA).
Calculating Costs	
http://www.finaid.org/calculators	FinAid's custom calculators can assist in figuring out how much school will cost, how much to save, and how much aid is needed to attend college.
http://michigan.gov/studentaid Click on Borrowers, Financial Resources Database, then choose Paying for College: Investing and Saving	Michigan's Paying for College Web Site, including important information on investing and saving for college.
Saving for College	
http://www.setwithmet.com	Information about Michigan Education Trust.
http://www.misaves.com	Information about the Michigan Education Savings Program.
http://www.finaid.org/savings/coverdell.phtml	Information about Coverdell Education Savings Plans.
http://www.collegesavings.org	Information about College Savings Plans.
Tax Credits	
http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf Click on More Forms and Publications, then find form 970	Information on education tax credits.